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Popular Pinafore Splendid Success

Amateur Company of Seventy-five People Presents Opera With Full Nautical Stage Setting—Cast Entirely Local

BY JAMES L. MATTHEWS

I went to an amateur performance of the old opera "Pinafore" Wednesday night in Covina because I believe that home talent shows should be patronized—and then I went to it again on Thursday night because I was so delighted with the entertainment that I could not miss seeing it again.

If ever I heard universal praise and enthusiasm of a local entertainment I certainly heard it on these two nights. People who have lived in the valley many years know that we do not bubble over with enthusiasm over everything that comes along, and that is the reason why this "Pinafore" performance received genuine appreciation from the patrons who filled the Woman's club house comfortably full on the two nights. Every person present, as well as myself, was fairly caught with a most agreeable surprise.

The old opera "Pinafore" is a light and tuneful thing, wholly irresponsible and without entangling moral lessons—clean and clever. This is what has made it live since those early days nearly fifty years ago when W. S. Gilbert, the English verse satirist, wrote the lyrics to Arthur Sullivan's musical score. It was written to be played for a few months only, hitting off some existing conditions in the British Admiralty. It was satirical, filled with witticisms that stung, but not with poisoned barbs, and the people accepted it with delight.

No one could predict that this exotic piece of comedy would last for half a century and still be as acceptable as in its early days of production. But it is still being played everywhere, just as it was put on with such eminent success in Covina this week.

The Local Cast

The opera was worked up by the members of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church choir, assisted by the St. Margaret's Guild and members of the church. But it was participated in by nearly all the singers in the Covina valley, drawn from all church choirs and from all fraternal societies. The affair was managed largely by Henry L. Marshall, leader of the Episcopal choir. It was rehearsed for nearly two months, which is one essential reason for the excellent performances. That it soon became more than a church affair and more of a holiday festival for the entire community is found in the fact that the local high school teachers and students became interested, and made it possible to bring it to a splendid success.

Prof. Richard W. Groom, teacher of music in the Covina schools, was the musical director of the production. To him, more than to any one other person, belongs the credit of the tuneful and snappy work of chorus and principals. Prof. Groom directed the opera, and augmented it with an orchestra composed of the following people: W. H. Potter, Robert Philleo, Clarence Fabrick, violins; Mrs. Harry Damerel, piano; Miss Maud Hubble, violin cello; Claude Russel, double bass; Clyde Way, clarionet; Miss Eulalia Bainbridge and Irving Smith, cornets; Clyde King, trombone; Earl Jones, drums.

These musicians were all secured in the Covina valley, Azusa and San Dimas. No better orchestra ever gave a performance in this valley.

The Principals

The part of Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., which is the leading male role of Pinafore, was splendidly done by William Draper, a young Covina man. His mellow baritone voice and natural stage ability made his work smooth, and tuneful in every particular.

The part of Captain Corcoran, commanding H. M. S. Pinafore, was well interpreted by Henry L. Marshall of the church choir, whose voice has been heard in many entertainments here, and who is a popular singer in the valley.

Ralph Rackstraw is the able seaman who takes the principal tenor role, who on both evenings was in excellent voice. Mr. Draper also surprised his many friends here by developing an hitherto unknown talent for good stage acting.

Samuel J. Walton, another well-known local singer, gave the interpretation of Dick Deadeye. From many men and women who have seen Pinafore many times, both by professional and amateur companies, came the verdict that Mr. Walton played his part with a surety and excellence that perhaps places him as the best character in the performance. His huge baritone voice was especially well adapted to the part.

The character of Bill Bobstay, the boatswain, was played by Malcolm J. McCarthy. He sang his numbers finely, especially "He Is An Englishman," and added much to the opera by his rendition of English sailor dialect. The part of Bob Becket, the boatswain's mate, was taken by Ray Martin. This is a small part, but an important one, and was well done by Mr. Martin.

The other small parts were those of Tom Tucker, midshipmite, played by Lewis Clarke; sergeant of marines, William Hoogendyk; carpenter's mate, C. H. Wedgwood.

The leading soprano role was excellently done by Mrs. Henry L. Marshall, whose round, beautiful voice enriched the part of Josephine, the Captain's daughter. Little Buttercup was played by Miss Hazel Booth, whose talent has been well-recognized in many amateur affairs in this valley. Her stage work was equal to any work that might be done by the best professional. She was decidedly popular at all her appearances on the stage.

Hebe, the part played by Miss Harriett Davis, was manifestly well-suited to her. She made a beautiful appearance as Sir Joseph's first cousin, and sang her part well, although the part does not allow for as many opportunities as some of the others.

The chorus was made up of the following local singers.

Sailors and Marines — A Ronald Taylor, Harry Damerel, Tom Brunjes, C. V. Hilton, Ralph Crook, William Hoogendyk, C. H. Wedgwood, C. Ray Martin, W. A. Lee, Ed Sprotte, Robert Stebbins, Jack Clarke, Roy Blanchard, Paul Clinton, A. R. Bryan, Cyril Sherwood.

Cousins and Aunts—Misses Ethel Holly, Helen Quinlan, Julia Jennings, Helen Broadwell, Pearl Rebhan, Leta Nash, Dorothy Trench, Mary Goodwin, Lottie Sowle, Louise Mills, Dorothy Hilton; Mesdames Rosa C. Clarke, Charles Follensbee, C. V. Hilton, Alice Burpee, C. F. Clapp, S. J. Walton.

While anyone writing an appreciation of such a performance must give the large end of the credit to the principals, it is really true of this performance that the chorus was a big feature. They sang very well indeed, and they were well trained, well balanced and took hold of the difficult numbers with enthusiasm. Especially was this true of such choruses as (girls' chorus) "Over the Bright Blue Sea (men's choruses), "My Gallant Crew," "I Am the Captain of the Pinafore (mixed choruses) "When I Was a Lad," "He Is an Englishman," and "Shall We Submit."

In these choruses was introduced a unique feature which proved to be the hit of the evening. Eight dancing girls, all Covina high school scholars, dressed in crimson and white costumes, gave tripping-toe music to the choruses. This was delightful work. They were trained in the dances by Miss Mildred Price, one of the high school teachers. The girls in the dance were: Dorothy Bryan, Margery Clarke, Gladys Sherwood, Mildred Bleecker, Ada Haynes, Lucile Matthews, Hazel Potter and Marie Nelson. In the numbers where the dancing girls appeared, the audience applauded vigorously.

The Singable Songs

Mrs. Marshall's soprano numbers, "Sorry Her Lot," "Refrain, Audacious Tar," and "The Hours Creep On Apace," were the most ambitious songs of the opera. The duet between Mrs. Marshall and Richard Draper was admirably well done. William Draper's work in "When I was a Lad," and his fine acting, gave him plenty of glory. Mr. Marshall's song, "Fair Moon," was a fine opening to the second act, and the duet by Mr. Marshall and Miss Booth was one of the hits of the evening. Another strong number was that of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Walton in "The Merry, Merry Maiden." Richard Draper's best solo came in the first act, when he sanw "The Nightingale's Song," rendering the beautiful number from a rope ladder above the stage. The quartet number, "O Bliss, O Rapture," was another fine number, given by Mrs. Marshall, Richard Draper, Miss Harriett Davis and Mr. Walton. The octette in the second act, "Farewell My Own" was sung by Mrs. Marshall, Richard McCarthy, Miss Davis, Mr. Walton, Mr. Ray Martin, Mr. Malcolm McCarthy, Mr. Ed Sprotte, and W. A. Lee.

The opera closed with a grand finale of national anthems, introducing the English, German, Austrian, French, and American melodies, with the flags of all nations grouped in the front of the stage. The flags were brought on the stage by six girls, different girls being used each night from members of the chorus, with Miss Leta Nash making the final picture of the Goddess of Liberty with the Star Spangled Banner. This was a splendid climax to the evening and the audiences stood and cheered the American flag as the curtain went down.

Covina Float Ready For Rose Tournament

Flowers, Oranges and Girls Will Beautify Big Stanley Steamer School Truck—Hundreds of Entries.

Everything is practically in readiness for the entrance of the Covina float for New Year's Day at Pasadena, the great mid-winter festival of Southern California. Almost a ton of blooms will be used in decorating the float, and a bevy of Covina valley's prettiest girls will add to the beauty of the color scheme.

The work has been carried out under the direction of Miss Dana of the high school department, Charles Tredway of the manual training department, Prof. Newsome of the grammar school and George Griffiths, a local rancher and owner of the beautiful Roselands estate. The contributions of flowers have come from evety part of the valley. The committee still says that it can use more flowers.

The Stanley school truck is a machine that will hold twenty-five passengers. This is to be fitted in the form of a huge floral shell, with the girls in the center, forming a unique picture. The girls who will participate are: Gertrude Nash, Juanita Morris, Ruth Tally, Edith Meehan, Anita Speer, Louise Bunch, Josephine Shultis, Ethel Kendall, Daphne Jones, Leota Coffman, Ethel Parker Louella Austin. The selection of the girls covers the entire valley, including Irwindale, Charter Oak, West Covina and Baldwin Park.

Miss Esther Dana will act as chaperon.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE BRETHREN CHURCH

The Christmas exercises at the Brethren will be held one week from this coming Sunday at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The program is as follows:

"Merry Christmas," Enid Overholtzer; "A Christmas Wish," William Runyan; "I Wish You a Merry Christmas," Sunbeam class; "Holly Night," Selma and Minnie Zug; "The Christmas Cheer" Velma Laycook; "Grandma Has Grown Too Old for Christmas, third year primary class; "No Christ—No Christmas," George Overholtzer; "Ring Ye Bells," True Blue class; "The Christmas Baby," Ralph Fesler; "In the Manger's Cradle," Martha Misseldine; reading, Chas. Zug; song, congregation; "What Do Little Children Do?" Glen Johnson; "The Sweet Old Story," Minnie Pittillo; "What the Stars Bring," third year junior girls; "A Quiet Pasture," Ralph Fesler; "Send a Message," Glen Hepner; "Christmas Spirit," Herbert Zug; reading, Vernie Johnson; "The Busy Church Worker," Vinnie Hepner; "In the King's Highway,"; "The Grunty Man of the Glow," Roland Lunde; reading, Alta Fesler; "One Holy Night," Mamie Davis; "Upon That Night," Hilda Brubaker; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Edward Misseldine; "The King of Glory," Herbert Lunde; "Warning," Genevieve Davis; "Hail, Immanuel," chorus.

COURT DISMISSES CASE AGAINST WILLIAM BARTLEY

The case against William Bartley, who was charged with an attempt to defraud V. Landram, a local restaurant proprietor, in not paying his board bill, was dismissed this week in Recorder Smith's court, after the hearing of testimony. The man was defended by Attorney Dalley S. Stafford. The case hinged on the question of proving the man's intent to defraud, and in the end this prosecution failed.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The Sunday-school of the First Methodist church will give a cantata on Christmas eve entitled, "The King of the World." The program is as follows:

Introduction, "Christmas Melodies," by orchestra; anthem, "The Redeemer Shall Come," choir; chorus, "The King of the Whole Wide World"; scripture reading, Luke 2: 8-20; Dr. C. F. Fingerle; prayer, Rev. S. J. McConnell; song, "All the Little Ones for Jesus," primary class; recitation, "Christmas Bells," beginners' class; chorus, "Hark From Heaven's Portals"; recitation, "What Shall We Do With Our Pennies?" primary class; recitation, "What Shall We Give?" Howard Gillette; recitation, "Our Offering," primary class; song, "Marching Onward to the King of Glory," Busy Bee class; recitation, Morris Fuller; chorus, "Hail This Day of Joy and Gladness"; recitation, "Hanging Up Stockings," primary class; song, "Happy Christmas Eve," primary graduating class; chorus, "Joy Bells are Chiming"; song, "Beautiful Christmas Story," J. O. C. class; anthem, "Let the Wicked Forsake His Way," choir; recitation, "A Million Stars," Leet Wine; pantomime, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," C. O. C. class; tableau; solo, "Slumbering Lies the World's Redeemer," Mrs. Wallace Reed; anthem, "The King Shall Reign," choir; chorus, "The King of the World."

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

At 11 a.m. the pastor will preach on "His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful." This is the sixth sermon of this series on the Tabernacle. At 7:30 he will preach on the subject, "Why She Wanted to Leave Him, or What I Saw and Heard in a Day Spent in Judge Monroe's Divorce Court." The following musical program will be rendered:

MORNING

1. "The Angels' Song" (Wilson), the mixed quartet.
2. Tenor solo, "Night of Nights" (Von de Water), by A. R. Taylor.
3. "Christmas Song" (Faris), the mixed quartet.

EVENING

1. "Around the World" (Faris), mixed quartet.
2. "Prince of Peace" (Gounod), the chorus choir.
3. "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" (Lorenz), male quartet.
4. Violin and flute duet, Paul and Mark Custer.

Mixed quartet—Mrs. Catherwood, soprano; Mrs. Brock, alto; Mr. Taylor, tenor; Mr. Carmel Kring, bass.

Male quartet—Messrs. Healy, Kring, Manning and Taylor.

Accompanist, Mrs. Almo Taylor.

Full chorus and orchestra of young people.

The stranger's church, where you are a stranger only once. Spend Sunday with us and find out. It

Tom Reed and Mark Custer will be home from Berkeley to spend Christmas with their parents.

Kyle Pollard spent the week-end with friends in Whittier.

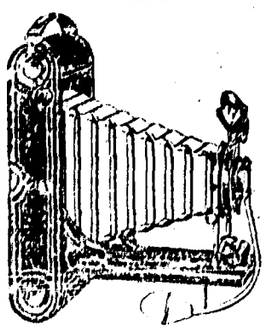
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Phillips and babies of Corona spent Friday night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Evans.

Dolls! Dolls! Covina Book Store.

Eastern Rice Popcorn at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Still a nice assortment of gift articles at the Covina Book Store.

Xmas Gifts at C. W. Tucker's Studio



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Oregon Christmas Trees

The largest display of Christmas Trees ever shown in Covina will be on vacant lot opposite our store next week. War has not affected the price of trees---in fact prices will be lower than last year. Select your tree early. Deliveries made any time.

Tree stands, neatly made and stained green, can be had for 15c to 25c.

We are also taking orders for our famous $1.00 box of fancy Christmas Candy Assortment---even nicer than last year.

Other Christmas lines are complete---such as Raisins, Nuts, Fruit Cake, Plum Pudding, Figs and large Red Apples.

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Member Merchants' Credit Association

COVINA HEIGHTS GROWERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING---SEASON'S OUTLOOK BRIGHT

BY MANAGER MAXFIELD

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Heights Grove, Inc., was held at the packing-house of the association, with a large attendance of growers. The manager read a report, which showed the business transacted for the season. It was shown by comparisons made at a joint meeting of committees of several local associations held at the Covina Heights packing house, that the local member of the Mutual Orange Distributors averaged higher than any other organization in the district.

The packing house is equipped in the most up-to-date manner, with the latest dryer, a large airy basement, which gives the fruit a natural pre-cooling; a system which is being adopted by the most progressive orange packers in the state. Every modern convenience has been provided in order that a limited amount of fruit may be handled in the best possible manner.

Owing to the very bad financial conditions of the past year, and to the fact that the organization had its individual brands to establish on the market, the members expressed much satisfaction with the results of the season's business, and feel that it is a remarkable showing.

The manager read the following excerpts from agents in the East, regarding the conditions of pack, and how it showed up in the market:

"We note what you say about the way we handled the De Luxe brand here, and we also wish to compliment your people on the manner in which you put it up. By going back, we think you will note that this is the first time in ten or fifteen years that Covina has been on the map. The general pack at Covina is probably satisfactory to the western trade, but when Covina fruit gets back to New York it has to compete with all the fancy brands shipped, necessitating a first-class pack."

With reference to the other shipments, he writes as follows:

"We wish to compliment the shipper of this fruit, as this was one of the finest packed cars we have seen at New York."

We have these reports from agents all over the United States.

Mr. A. Gregory, general manager of the Mutual Orange Distributors, in his talk to the growers, thanked them repeatedly for the intelligent and businesslike manner in which they were succeeding in putting their fruit out, and he felt that with the present management and pack the coming season would see them far in the lead.

The Covina Heights Groves, Inc., is one of forty-two similar co-operative organizations which make up the Mutual Orange Distributors—the second largers growers' organization handling citrus fruit in California.

In the past eight years the business has developed from the output of the four associations to 6000 cars the present season. This growth has been even and steady, a market having been developed in advance of the business secured, so that now all fruit is demanded before it is put to the market. The management of the Mutual Orange Distributors feels that close attention must be given to each individual car. This can be done only by handling a limited amount of business. For that reason no new associations will be formed, all attention being given to the business now procured.

Many misleading statements are made by our competitors as to the salary paid the general manager of the selling organization. It has been falsely stated that the manager receives a salary of 2c per box. It should be understood this charge pays the general manager's, the sales manager's, and the district manager's expenses and their salaries as well. As to the $25,000 Mr. Gregory is stated as receiving, he assures us that such a proposition would please him immensely, but that his salary amounted to considerable less than half that amount.

With reference to the output of California for the present season, our organization, after careful estimates of all the districts, feels confident that there is not over 80 to 85 per cent of last year's crop. We cannot say that we agree with the methods adopted by some of the larger organizations, in which they repeatedly state in the papers that we have again a full crop of fruit, as it has the tendency to make all the trade expect to get fruit at last year's low prices, on account of an extremely heavy crop. If this continues for the next two months, it is sure to have a depressing effect on the market. But we are in hopes that all organizations will soon wake up to the effect that exaggerated reports have in the East, and correct the statements.

In answer to questions regarding the Florida crop, Mr. Gregory says:

"The Florida crop of oranges is much less than was first estimated, owing to the fact that the fruit failed to size up. There is quite an increase in the grape fruit crop, which will make a marked increase in the entire citrus shipments from that section.

"As to Florida as one of our competitors, we feel that their methods of handling fruit are rapidly improving by the introduction of California ways, and instead of Florida putting out one of the poorest packs on the market, it is now putting its fruit up in as fine shape as the average pack going out of California. This fact has greatly increased the demand for Florida oranges, but those of you that are watching the market know that the fine California Washington Navel always gets the preference over the Floridas at a much higher price. We do not look on Florida as a competitor to be feared, as does our friend, the Exchange. It has been said by them, 'The California fruit growers should be united against this great competitor.' This of course, would make it possible for such an organization to chase Florida fruit out of certain markets by supplying that market with our superior grade of Navels at less money than Florida could sell their fruit.

"It has never been the policy of the Mutual Orange Distributors to cut prices with any organization. On the other hand, they have always done everything possible to get the highest market price for the fruit. This has been proved by the fact that the Mutual Orange Distributors has grown in the last eight years from four associations to forty-two, every season ending with the report that their averages, net to the grower, have beat other organizations in the same locality."

The following officers were elected for the period of one year: D. J. Overholtzer, Frank Mitchell, C. A. Leighton, J. K. Strosnider, and H. L. Daniels; and the following for a period of two years: Robert Kohlsaat, H. A. Curtis, C. D. Webb, Gordan Douglas, C. C. Kohlmeier, and E. M. Bosworth.

On the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, the directors met and organized their board, electing D. J. Overholtzer, president; H. A. Curtis, vice-president; Geo. H. Maxfield, secretary, and the Covina National Bank, treasurer.

With appreciation of last year's results and concerted action for next year's successes, the members enter enthusiastically on the coming year's business.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF VALENCIA WATER COMPANY

TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the VALENCIA WATER COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, Room 5, Reed Building (offices of Messrs. Gail & Pence), Covina, California, Tuesday, January fifth (5th), 1915, at the hour of Ten (10) o'clock a.m. of said day, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors of said Corporation for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please send proxy.

Dated December 19th, 1914.

EDGAR BENNETT,
Secretary of Valencia Water Co.
(Corporate Seal) 19-26—1-2

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Valley Savings Bank will be held at its office, in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the nineteenth day of January, 1915, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

M. LEONHARDT, Secy.

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Safety Commission Report

The Safety Committee is very much gratified by interest shown in the accident prevention activity it has undertaken to direct and it greatly appreciates the active assistance of the representatives and others in its effort to make "'Safety First."

But active interest much continue; you owe that as a duty to be fair, you should be constantly on the alert to protect others that are active in protecting you and yours from needless injury and inconvenience.

As evidence of the active efforts of others to protect themselves, and because it contains much of benefit to everyone of us, the committee is glad to have the opportunity to direct your attention to the following, issued in the form of a circular to the school teachers of the state of California by the state superintendent of public instruction:

"To the Teachers of California: The school terms are now opening all over our state. It may be worth while, at this time, to remind all of our people who have to do with the training of the next generation that that the slogan 'Safety First' stands for something that has a place in our work. It particularly concerns the welfare of the next generation.

A few years ago no special caution was necessary for people to take care of themselves. It was only necessary to come in when it rained, to look out for Indians or wild beasts behind the bushes, and other things like that. Now there are a thousand perils, in every direction. We have so many machines, so many swift-moving vehicles, such high speed, such new and unknown devices everywhere, surrounded by such multitudes of people. Children need to be cautioned and taught regarding these new sources of danger. Their minds need to be adjusted to the new conditions.

Our whole state is reticed by electric wires. Telegraph, telephone, power, light, and third-rail lines run everywhere, even in the remote rural districts, and all are dangerous to the ignorant and the incautious. A broken wire may carry death to him who touches; it may fall in a pool of water and bring destruction to those who step in the water; it may fall on a barbed-wire and kill the one who climbs a fence a mile away. An innocent telephone wire may be charged with a deadly high-power voltage. The third-rail is always a menace. Accidents happen when children throw wires over the telegraph line or climb the poles for fun.

The regular railway lines, with heavy trains thundering along at high speed every hour of the day and night, are also very dangerous to the life and limb of the incautious and the adventurous. Schoolhouses are sometimes near the track, and children often have the habit of making a playground of the right-of-way, climbing under and upon the cars. Boys often jump on the slowly-moving trains to go part of the way home, or hang to the cars for a joy ride. Particularly is this true in the villages and small towns. All this, the country over, results in a fearful cost in suffering, crippling and death.

The great railroads have prepared statistics showing the number of preventable accidents in this way, and the figures are appalling. During the past twenty years 181,379 trespassers were killed or injured on the railroads of this country. None of these were train men or persons who were there by necessity, but trespassers. 25,000 of them were young people under 18 years of age, living near the scene of the accident, and many of them were under 10 years of age. 120,103 of them were citizens of the localities where the accidents occurred. Fourteen trespassers have been killed or injured by the railroads every day on an average for several years past. Think what an army of children it would take to make 25,000! They would reach around the world if one stood by every mile post! And all would have been saved had they kept off the railroad tracks. Our carelessness and heedlessness in this regard is inconceivable. Experienced railway men and trainmen never cross tracks on foot or horseback, with rig or auto, in town or country side, without first looking up and down the track for a train. Should not others still more take this precaution? The great railroads of the country spend millions of dollars yearly to prevent accidents, to save life and limb. Is it not a public duty to do our small part too?

When we add to these sources of accident 100,000 automobiles careening along every road in our state, far and near, together with motorcycles, traction engines, flying machines and other swiftly advancing forms of locomotion, the wonder is that any of our children escape long enough to grow up. They can hope to escape only by riding on the shoulders of their elders and by profiting by the wisdom and caution that has required a thousand years or more for the race to learn—if they should survive.

I hope every teacher will take up these subjects for attention and discussion in the school room, in an effort to instil the safety spirit into the minds of the children. If we can overcome some of the dangerous practices it will result in saving human life. It is well for the schools to join in the "Safety First" movement, for it is by such steps as this, all together, that the human race advances along the corridors of time.

SOME A. B. C.'s FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW

Wait till the train or car stops before getting on or off. Horrible accidents happen continually because people neglect this in their foolish haste.

Get off a train or car facing forward, and look out for automobiles while leaving the car. A large part of street accidents occur by forgetting this common-sense rule.

Never play about railroad lines, nor loiter about on the tracks, nor walk over the trestles or bridges. An astonishing number of people are killed every month by neglecting this caution.

When approaching a crossing, stop, look, listen—always both ways. Hundreds of families are needlessly slaughtered because the driver will not observe this safeguard. Not only the silly driver suffers, but the innocent people who have trusted him.

Shun dangling wires and never meddle with electric lines at all.

Curiosity and heedlessness lead many children to their death.

Do not hitch on behind street cars or wagons. A swift driver approaching in front cannot see the boy hanging on the rear, and frequently runs over him when he lets go.

Never take chances—Always be safe, even if you lose time and do lose speed. The foolish desire for speed kills its tens of thousands.

Always refuse to ride with a driver who is intoxicated or who for any other reason does not obey the rules of the road. If not, you trust your life to the hands of a fool.

SAFETY COMMITTE,
By A. S. HEDIGER, Secretary.

San Deigo Ready for Opening

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 18.—One notable feature of the great celebration to be held in San Diego at the time of the opening of the San Diego Exposition, on January 1st, will be a parade of automobiles in the afternoon of that day which, from the number of entries already in, promises to be the longest parade ever seen on the Pacific coast.

Automobile parties from every city and town in Southern California and from many cities in Arizona, are being formed at the present time, and plans are being laid for the pilgrimages to San Diego. Each of the cities will provide banners, pennants and flags for the decoration of automobiles, and the committee in charge of the celebration in San Diego will provide parking spaces for the machcines upon their arrival in San Diego.

It is expected that all of the automobile parties will reach Sah Diego on December 31, in order that the members be able to take part in the New Year's eve festivities, and attend the ceremonials at midnight, when the lights of the exposition are to be turned on by President Wilson, who will touch a button in the White House, and when the great key of the exposition will be turned over to President Davidson by the builders of the exposition, with appropriate ceremonies.

At 2 o'clock of the afternoon of January 1 the great automobile parade will be formed on the downtown streets of San Diego. It will be divided into sections, each city or town represented having its section, in which automobiles from that particular place, bearing banners, pennants and flags announcing whence they came, will be placed.

The Automobile Club of Southern California is taking an active part in the preparations for this grand spectacle, and its members have been asked to aid in securing the attendance of as many automobile parties as possible on this occasion.

SHALL COVINA PAY TAX ON NEW FIRE ENGINE?

POMONA, Dec. 17.—Basing their contention upon the grounds that city-owned and city-operated automobiles should be exempt from taxation, 25 city attorneys of Southern California, headed by City Attorney Guerin of Pomona, will advise their respective municipalities not to forward the new license until shown by the state that they must do so. In this way it is proposed to get a definite ruling on this question which has been a bone of contention for the past year.

The action of the city attorneys was taken at a meeting of the City Attorney's Club of Southern California in Los Angeles last night. While some believed the tax should be paid they were of the opinion that the state should make a definite ruling. Nonpayment of the license would save Pomona between $80 and $100 per year.

REGENTS TO EXAMINE POMONA STATION SITE

POMONA, Dec. 17.—Active preparations are being made today for entertaining the members of the board of regents of the state university who will come here Friday to make the final examination of the site offered for the establishment of the citrus experiment station.

There will be thirteen members of the board and heads of the university including Dean Hunt, Dr. Webber and others.

Puritan Bread on sale beginning next Monday. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

You will be sorry if you don't make that little gift—you'll be sorry if you buy before seeing the nice things on display at the Covina Book Store.

ORANGE EXHIBIT TO COST $100,000

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 17.—The Fifth National Orange Show will cost $100,000, according to estimates completed today by F. M. Renfro, general manager, and reported to the general committee. It has been decided that the Pageant of the Orange will probably be staged in June.

B. Y. P. U. PRESIDENTS WILL MEET FRIDAY EVENING

The B. Y. P. U. presidents of the societies of Monrovia, Azusa, Pomona, Ontario, and San Dimas will assemble next Friday evening with the president of our society and hold a conference for the purpose of discussing plans for a coming rally, at which time Mr. Valentine and Mr. Gatter, both of Los Angeles, will speak.

SEEK COUNTY DAY AT SAN DIEGO FAIR

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday decided to take up with the officials of the San Diego Exposition the matter of changing "Los Angeles Day" to "Los Angeles County Day," in order to permit the entire county to participate in the excursion to the exposition.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

1915 diaries and date books at Clapp's.

Framed Oil Paintings, $2 and up. Covina Book Store.

A good thing to have handy, a clinical thermometer. Nash has a fine line of the certified kind and sells them at reasonable prices.

Try Puritan Bread. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

SOUTHLAND'S GALA DAY

AMERICA'S GREATEST FLORAL PAGEANT

PASADENA New Year Day FRIDAY JANUARY 1

FLORAL PARADE 10:30 A. M.

Gorgeously Decorated Floats and Conveyances

Thrilling Chariot Races

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Greatest Annual Event—Biggest of Features

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TWO GREAT 1915

EXPOSITIONS

at San Francisco and San Diego will open on schedule time
There will be

NO POSTPONEMENT

on account of the European war or for any other reason
Ask each of them to mail a Postal to Some One Else, and the Mail Man will spread the news

OPENING DATES AND DURATION OF EXPOSITIONS:
Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco
February 20 to December 4, 1915
Panama-California Exposition at San Diego
January 1 to December 31, 1915

Here are some convincing facts concerning the great Exposition at San Francisco

Not one of the 42 exhibiting foreign nations has withdrawn, while three of them have increased their participation.

Seven nations involved in war and five neutral European nations will have their own buildings.

Exhibits from eleven foreign countries have already arrived.

Forty-three of our States and one city are making individual exhibits.

Finally, these exhibitors are spending more money than previously expended in any two other Expositions.

EXPOSITION LETTER DAY—DECEMBER 15TH

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

The Exposition Line—1915—First in Safety

Every Christmas Is Merrier

Prudence sanctions a Bank Account as a Chritmas present because it is something substantial and lasting and grows in value each year as the interest is added thereon.
You are invited to come in and start accounts with us for your children.

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REMINDER TO THE RANCHER

This shop is turning out good work all the time in disc sharpening, the making of ridgers and other farm machinery. We are equipped with machinery for all kinds of wagon repairing and making.

The busiest horse-shoeing shop in the valley.

J. N. WILSON

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OF COVINA

wishes to announce that reports about this laundry closing are false. We are still doing laundry work.

Every bundle that leaves our plant is inspected and guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Our Special Rough Dry Prices are so reasonable that WET WASH is unnecessary.

Our service is prompt.
A trial is all we ask.

Phone 95 for driver.

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Orange & Lemon Trees

5-8 of an inch and up, twenty-five cents balled; twenty cents loose roots.

Address Lock Box 187, Glendora

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Te Deum Laudamus

There is no spot, perhaps, in the United States, or the world, where it is more necessary for the New Year to begin auspiciously than in Southern California, among the citrus groves. Therefore, when we say that this year has every indication of beginning well, we are voicing an optimism that should carry weight with every dweller in the valley.

The valley has been drenched with several early rains. The plant-life everywhere is in splendid condition. Because of the rains we can quite safely predict that there will be no killing frosts.

There is a fair crop of Washington Navel oranges, not a heavy one, but a good crop, varying throughout the valley. The market in the East looks better at the outset of the year than it has for two years.

We are practically emerging from the effects of the freeze of two years ago. Ranchers are on a better financial basis. Merchants in these valley towns say that trade is slowly increasing. Business has not been good for several months, but it is getting better.

We have, in this valley, the finest crop of boys and girls that has ever been raised since the world began. We have a better land in which to live than any other place in the world. We have blooming flowers at Christmas, flowers at Easter, flowers for Memorial Day and flowers for the Fourth of July and for the autumn festival. We are free from blizzards, snowdrifts, cyclones, grasshoppers. We don't have to buy tons of coal for the winter supply. We have green vegetables at Christmas, and strawberry shortcake if we want it.

There is nothing can stop this wonderful country from becoming more wonderful, more populous, more prosperous. It is the wonderland of the world, just beginning to awaken and to stir and to plan for the future.

"Eager eyes are watching, longing
For the lights along our shore."

We can praise God in every church on Christmas day and be truly thankful that our lines have fallen in such pleasant places.

Oranges on the Water

The Panama canal will probably become the governor of transportation prices. G. Harold Powell, manager of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, said recently in Covina that he did not hope to immediately see gratifying results from the building of the canal, so far as the fruit-raiser of California is concerned. He intimated that there would be a long period of adjustment; that the water freight schedules would come about slowly through the establishment of great fruit steamers fitted with scientific refrigeration, and that years might pass before these lines would become a serious competitor with railroad lines in carrying perishable fruits. The competition in heavy, imperishable freight will undoubtedly be an immediate effect.

But, in the case of oranges and lemons, the growers will find that the merchandising possibilities of sending a carload of fruit across the interior is better than to send it through the canal. The carload that is rolling will find many markets en route, while the carload that is floating must go to ship's tackle at some Eastern port, be unloaded and then transferred to an interior market or depend on coast city trade. This is a significant difference between railroad and water transportation. And, as yet, the steamship freight companies have not figured a price on fruit that is sufficiently low to be actually called competitive, especially when it is considered that the merchandising possibilities are cut down so materially in sending fruit through the canal.

These are details, of course, and will be adjusted. A country's transportation is not built in a day, nor changed in a month or a year. We will be reaping great benefits from the Panama canal fifty years from now, even ten years from now. What we should support more than anything else at the present time is the sentiment in favor of the establishment of an all-embracing American merchant marine service.

Defrauding an Inkeeper

A case tried in Covina this week in which a man was charged with defrauding an inn-keeper brings to mind the fact that this law is more beneficial to the laborer than to any other class when it is strictly enforced.

The point is this: that restaurant men and lodging-house proprietors will certainly not be in favor of carrying accounts with a laborer if it is possible for any of them to beat him out of his money by the simple process of drifting out of town without settling the bill.

In the case of the local restaurant man who figured as plaintiff in this Covina case—he has been in the habit of taking care of hundreds of laborers and working men of all kinds—giving them plenty of time to get on their feet and to get a pay day. All he asked (and all any restaurant keeper asks) is that he be considered when pay day arrives. The Covina Restaurant keeper goes even farther than merely trusting the laborer until he gets a pay day. This proprietor maintains a free labor bureau. He spends a large amount of his personal time telephoning to ranchers, placing men in jobs, and looking out for their interests in general.

It is to be deplored that the case tried this week could not have had a different outcome, in order that the workingmen might see that they are being protected when one of their number is called sharply to account for the alleged offense of trying to beat a board bill.

It would be better for every man working for wages to have the inn-keeper law strictly enforced. Under such a condition the ninety-nine men out of a hundred who are honest will get the benefit and the protection of the law.

STATE COMMISSION SOUGHT BY APIARISTS

A committee to take measures to secure the passage of the bee-keepers' bill, an act to provide a competent commission for the inspection and regulation of the apiaries of the state, was appointed yesterday afternoon at the final session of the California State Bee-keepers' convention in the Y.M.C.A. building, Los Angeles.

The officers elected yesterday for 1915 are: Prof. Willis Lynch of Salida, president, and A. B. Schaffner, Los Angeles, secretary. On the executive board are W. H. Allen, Venice; J. G. Gilstrap, Ceres, and Harry K. Hill, Willits. J. D. Bixby of Covina was re-elected editor of the Western Honey Bee.

The next convention will be held in San Francisco.

COVINA COMMANDERY HOLDS INSPECTION

Covina Commandery No. 49 held its annual inspection on Monday evening, conducted by Past Master Stone of Alhambra lodge, who was accompanied by a suite of officers from his commandery. Prior to the inspection a dinner was served to the visitors at the Hotel Vendome. Past Commander Stone highly commended work performed by the local commandery, especially its ranking officer, Eminent Commander Charles Lee.

JOINT INSTALLATION MONDAY EVENING

One of the important events of the coming week will be that of the joint installation of La Paloma Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and Covina Lodge of Masons, which will be held on the evening of Monday, December 21. This is an affair which every year is made an elaborate one. Masons and chapter members throughout the valley have been invited.

MILLINERY SALE

All trimmed hats are now being sold for one-half the original price, and a big assortment to choose from. Also have a good assortment of baby velvet bonnets.

MISS SARA RECKARD.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Harris entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cross and Miss Vergie Kuykendall of Lordsburg last Friday.

The noble grand of the Covina chapter of the Rebekahs, Mrs. H. M. Friedman, entertained the lodge on Thursday evening with a very enjoyable affair. The evening was spent in dancing, cards and music and a light supper. The hall was artistically decorated in the Christmas colors.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cragmiles of Corona are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Cragmiles was formerly Miss Leilia Shirley of Covina.

Mrs. L. A. Warner expects her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. D. H. Scoles, her niece, Mrs. Alice Davis, and her grand-niece, Miss L. Davis, all of Tacoma, Wash., to arrive today and spend the winter at her home. Mr. and Mrs. F. McNeil of Santa Barbara will come with them to spend the holidays.

Argument Closed

Jackson and Johnson are not on speaking terms. It all arose as the result of an argument which required some mental calculation.

"I tell you," said Jackson, "that you are altogether wrong in your conclusions."

"Pardon me, but I am not," replied Johnson.

"Didn't I go to school, stupid?" almost reared his opponent.

"Yes," was the calm reply, "and you came back stupid."—Tit-Bits.

SHOE SHIPMENT SOLD IN ONE-HALF DAY

Last Saturday morning a new line of ladies' shoes was delivered to the Broadwell store at 9 o'clock in the morning.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the entire shipment consisting of a 24-pair case had been sold. Mr. Broadwell says that he will probably have another shipment of this kind of shoes in about two weeks, but in the meantime he is selling other shoes, just as good, and the people seem to be glad to pay $3 and $3.50 for them.

It is getting noised around that a lady can make 50 cents by the simple method of getting shoes at Broadwell's these days. He is cutting all operating expenses right down to the bone, and is not ashamed of being known as the merchant who is selling for less and operating his store for less. He said yesterday:

"If a family has all kinds of money and wants to pay fancy prices, I rather they wouldn't come here, for the chances are I can't satisfy them. Let them buy the same goods in Los Angeles and pay 50 cents more. Some people are constituted that way.

But if money is of any value to you, and 50 cents is worth saving, there are hundreds of standard lines that Broadwell will supply and supply cheaper than elsewhere.

This isn't a year to throw away 50 cent pieces.—Adv.

COVINA MAN IS CHOSEN PACKING HOUSE MANAGER

O. D. Brouse, who for a number of years has been connected with the Irwindale Citrus Association, leaves this week to assume his new duties as manager of the Mutual Orange Distributors Association at Cucamonga.

The Mutual Orange Distributors for the last two years have had their eyes upon Mr. Brouse as a man of experience and capabilities to successfully manage a packing house, and it was upon this recommendation to the association at Cucamonga that Mr. Brouse was chosen as manager.

A. C. Novess, an expert photographer who was with the Eastman Kodak company for several years, has been employed at the Tucker studio to assist in the holiday trade.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eckles, boy, Dec. 14th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Covert, boy, Dec. 1st.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lee McBride, girl, Dec. 5th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Antanacio Guerra, girl, Dec. 6th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Watanahe, boy, Dec. 8th.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. Imai, girl, Dec. 10th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breame, boy, Dec. 11th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, girl, Dec. 11th.

DELINQUENT NOTICE

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Covina Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

There are delinquent on the following described stock on account of assessment No. 64, levied on November 4th, 1914, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows:

Name—	No. Cert.	No. Shares.	Amt.
L. A. and C. U. Boadway, pledgee of Franz A. Klassen	2704	30	$30.00
Henry S. Brintnall and Leslie C. Brintnall	2732	30	30.00
Leslie C. Brintnall	2733	12	12.00
A. L. Dowler Realty Co.	2207	20	20.00
F. W. Hawks	2686	10	10.00
J. W. Shenk	2741	29½	29.50
Frances A. Read	2202	29	29.00

And in accordance with law and an order of the Board of Directors, made on the fourth day of November, A.D. 1914, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the company in Covina, California, on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. of said day, to pay the delinquent assessment thereon, together with the cost of advertising and expense of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secy.

December 17, 1914.

Puritan Bread—the latest and best—Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Tailored suits $12.50. Covina Valley Tailoring Co. 12-19

The children's shoe store—Broadwell's.

Call at Clapp's Drug Store and learn how to get a $1.50 Magazine for $1 a year. 12-26

10 Per Cent Interest

(NOT DISCOUNT)

will be paid on all yearly-in-advance telephone rentals for 1915, ***provided payments*** are made direct to our Covina office on or before the 31st day of December, 1914.

Interest will not be deducted if payments are made to any of our collection branches.

Call up our cashier for particulars.

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Covina National Bank

A general banking business transacted.

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Dr. J. D. Reed, President, Covina, Cal.
J. H. Coolman, Vice-President, Covina, Cal.
V. O. English, Cashier, Covina, Cal.
Samuel Fesler, Director, Covina, Cal.
J. L. Matthews, Director, Covina, Cal.
J. N. Maurer, Director, Covina, Cal.
G. H. White, Director, Covina, Cal.

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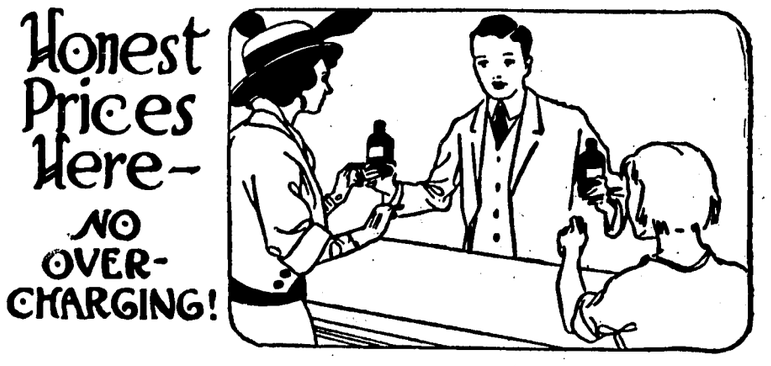

One price for all at this drug store. We are sorry to say some pharmacists will charge one person a certain price for putting up a prescription and another person a different price for practically the same prescription. It is the same with drugs. The public is often unfamiliar with what is a reasonable price and what is not. We have a regular standard of prices, and we do not overcharge.

W. W. NASH

Prescription Druggist

Phone 12 — COVINA

Stop! Don't Burn Your Car Up!

SOME autoists batter the life out of a car by useless speed, unwise driving and constant neglect of little things.

Don't you do it.

Let us overhaul your engine and put everything in tiptop running shape for the busy season strain. Then take good care of your car.

This is sound advice, isn't it?

Let us overhaul your car now. Expert mechanics to do the work. Prices low. Careful and efficient service.

THE WEBBER "HE MAKES GOOD" GARAGE

Phone 211 — Open all night — Covina, Cal.

Pacific Electric Train Kills Two Horses

Ranch Hand Seriously Injured In Crash Between San Bernardino Cars and Aschenbrenner's Team — Collar Bone Broken

A ghastly accident that killed two horses instantly, and seriously injured William Mavis, a ranch hand, occurred at the juncture of Lark Ellen street in Irwindale with the Pacific Electric tracks Monday morning of this week.

A two-horse team belonging to William Aschenbrenner, a local rancher, was being driven south by Mavis, and as he approached the Pacific Electric right-of-way the San Bernardino train bore down upon him. It is said that he whipped up his horses in an attempt to get across, but the car struck the horses, throwing them 100 feet. The wagon was entirely demolished.

Mavis was taken to the office of Dr. J. D. Reed, where it was discovered that he had a fractured collar-bone, bad cuts above the head, and possible internal injuries. He was later removed to the county hospital.

NOTICE TO ORANGE GROWERS

Anyone desiring fumigating done immediately, call Jack Brown at the Citrus rooms, phone 186. Waglum system used exclusively. 12-19-p

Local Events

Photo mailers. Covina Book Store.

Scout cameras, $2. Covina Book Store.

Christmas Trees 25c to $1.25 at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Mrs. M. E. Clifford spent Friday with Mrs. J. M. Whitsel in San Dimas.

Nash's Cold Tablets are still in the lead.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Parish hall on Christmas eve, Thursday night, at 7.30 o'clock.

Miss Carrie Holly of Los Angeles is visiting at the home of her brother, A. I. Holly, on East Badillo.

Call Wilson, the transfer man, for prices on hay delivered. Phone Covina 537. 12-26-p.

Madame Ellen Beach Yaw will spend several days next week with relatives in Los Angeles.

You might go farther and do worse than to trade at Broadwell's.

Mrs. Whedon of Los Angeles spent Tuesday with Mrs. G. J. Smart and her daughter.

Santa Claus' headquarters at the Covina Book Store is overflowing with Books, Pictures, Holiday Stationery, Art Goods, Dolls, Games, Toys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taschner entertained Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Clarke and son, Gilbert, at Sunday dinner last week.

For the burning of wood there is nothing like our new air-tight heaters that sell for $1.25 upward. Top vents and other modern improvemnets. Henry-Hall Hardware House.

Puritan Bread—the latest and best—Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Mrs. Charles Smith has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Clifford several days this week.

Until January 1st, Christopher's Special Wrapped Chocolates, Mammoth Whipped Cream Chocolates and Assorted Bon Bons will be priced at 25 cents a pound at Clapp's. 12-19

Try Puritan Bread. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

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Mrs. Garrett, who formerly lived on her ranch on Cienega, leaving there to reside in Pasadena, has returned to her ranch home.

On account of the weather conditions and the illness of Mrs. Nye, who was to be the speaker of the afternoon, the meeting of the school afternoon was given up for this month.

Eastern Rice Popcorn at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Xmas tags and seals, 5c package. Covina Book Store.

The ladies' night at the Country Club was well attended and a very pleasant evening spent with cards.

About time to get a Hot Water Bottle. We have the tried and true. Nash Drug Store.

Mr. W. T. Kellar entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Seeley at Sunday dinner.

We have a few more of those fine linen writing tablets. Going at half price. Nash Drug Store.

Miss Emily Leighton of Los Angeles was a guest at the home of her brother, C. A. Leighton, Sunday.

Xmas special—suits tailored to measure, $12.50. Covina Valley Tailoring Co. 12-19

Miss Esther Scofield spent last week-end with Miss Edith Hull in Hollywood.

Puritan Bread, to go with Puritan Butter—why not? Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Miss Sarah Crook returns the 20th from Berkeley, where she is attending college, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crook.

Any kind of hauling of freight to Los Angeles for $8 per trip. See Wilson, the Auto Transfer man. Phone Covina 537. 12-26-p

What you save by having that old suit cleaned up will buy you a lot of Christmas presents. Try it. Shuey, at the Covina Dye Works. 12-19

The all-day missionary meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, which was to have been held with Mrs. Carol Webb Thursday, was postponed on account of the weather.

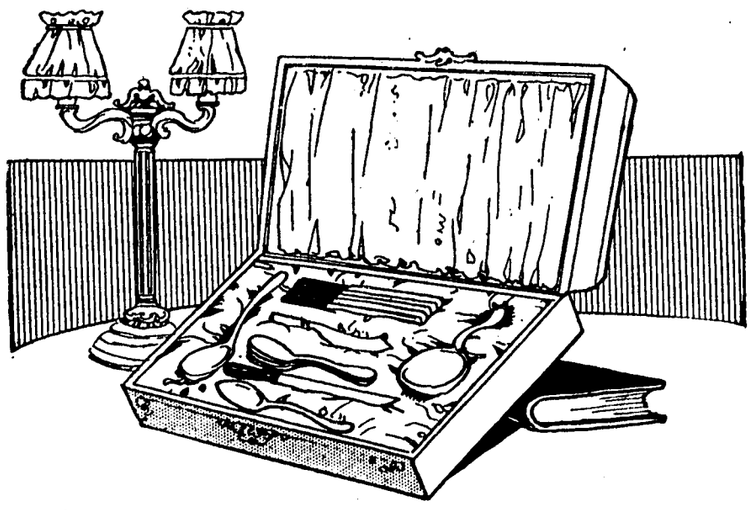
Toys! Covina Book Store.

Miss Ruth Arthur is expected home from Santa Barbara, where she is teaching school, for the Christmas holidays.

Puritan Bread, to go with Puritan Butter—why not? Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Cole's Hot Blast Heater is a timely subject to talk about. This is a stove that burns coal, wood or coke. It has a patent air-pipe through the center of the barrel, that allows for the complete burning of all fuel, giving a greater amount of heat for a lesser amount of fuel. Two sizes at Henry-Hall Hardware House—price $12.00.

Christmas Suggestions



It Is Rather Hard to Buy Christmas Gifts, Isn't It?

Not that you dislike the idea of giving but you are at a loss to know what will please Father.

You will not have this trouble if you come and consult us, for we are specialists in the selection of the right gift for the right person.

Here Are Just a Few of the Many Suggestions We Can Make You:

FOR MOTHER—A beautiful piece of silverplated ware. A gift that would be excellent taste and would be greatly appreciated by her.

FOR FATHER—A Howard Watch—a real man's gift. A Howard Watch will give him a lifetime of accurate service. It's the most durable and accurate watch we know of. You can get it in the very thin design if you wish. He will certainly be proud of a gift like this.

FOR SISTER—A locket of the latest and most exquisite design. She would certainly be pleased with a gift like this, with a nice chain to wear it on.

FOR BROTHER—A high grade fountain pen—one that never clogs up, scratches, or refuses to write. He will find it a mighty handy convenience and, therefore, a very acceptable gift.

FOR BABY—A spoon—it's about the nicest gift you can give a baby.

These are only a few of the things which we are able to suggest.

Come in and look over our very complete stock and you will get a great number of suggestions.

F. E. WOLFARTH

The Pioneer Jeweler Covina, Cal.

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THERMOS BOTTLES

THERMOS LUNCH SETS

THERMOS CUPS AND CASES

PIPES
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Puritan Bread—the latest and best—Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Misses Harriett Coman, Marion Warren, Helen Brush, and Rosetta Kerckhoff will return from Pomona college this week to spend Christmas.

Try Puritan Bread. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Model Builders for that boy, 50c up. Covina Book Store.

Spitzenberg Apples cheap. A full box doesn't cost much. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Mrs. E. T. Clarke, the mother of Dr. Manning Clarke, has left for a visit of five or six weeks with her daughter in San Fernando.

J. W. Gilbert has returned from about two months spent in Bakersfield to make his home in Covina with Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Clarke.

"Chubby Kid, the "cute" doll, 25c Covina Book Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and baby and Jimmie Hodges of Banning are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hodges.

Christmas Trees 25c to $1.25 at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Mrs. H. A. Major of Colorado, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. H. Cushman, is spending the week-end with an uncle at Long Beach.

Drums, Trunks, Black Boards, Model Builders. Covina Book Store.

Christmas Trees 25c to $1.25 at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Miss Hazel Clifford returns from Thornton, where she has been teaching school for the past year, to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Clifford.

Spitzenberg Apples cheap. A full box doesn't cost much. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Miss Mildred Houser, who is attending the normal school in Los Angeles, will spend the Christmas vacation with her aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mr. J. O. Houser.

Eastern Rice Popcorn at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Berry of Los Angeles, the latter being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Mussey of Badillo street, have moved to the Mussey ranch here, where they will remain through the winter. Mrs. Berry comes because of the ill health of her mother.

Eastern Rice Popcorn at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Tricycles, Express Wagons, and Doll Carts. Covina Book Store.

Don't fail to hear Rev. Catherwood tell on Sunday evening what he saw and heard last Friday in Judge Monroe's divorce court; time, 7:30; place, the First Baptist church. Follow the crowds. 1t

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The Covina Book Store is an all-the-year gift shop; that's why you will find a complete stock of pleasing articles at the last minute.

Puritan Bread—the latest and best—Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Roy and Ray Kistler returned the latter part of this week from Stanford to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kistler.

Try Puritan Bread. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Little Robert Scofield, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Scofield, who broke his collar bone in a fall about two weeks ago, is improving nicely.

Christmas comes but once a year—send at least a greeting card—one of those nice ones such as the Covina Book Store sells—just to let them know they are not forgotten.

Tuesday evening at the First Baptist church, Tuskegee Institute singers will render a program of plantation melodies, negro folk songs and dialect readings in the iterest of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute; Booker T. Washington, principal. A free-will offering will be taken.

Puritan Bread—the latest and best—Warner, Whitsel & Co.

The announcement of the date for the marriage of Miss Alma Swain of Whittier to Mr. Alan Bruce Campbell of Bakersfield, to be held Tuesday, December 29th, was made at an afternoon affair given for that purpose by her sister and cousin last week. Miss Swain is the daughter of Mrs. Kittie Swain and formerly was a Covina girl. Rev. Swain, father of the bride-to-be, was at one time the pastor of the Methodist church of Covina, and the family have a large number of friends and acquaintances here. Frank Swain, the brother of the bride-elect, and the winner of the Cecil Rhodes' scholarship of two years ago, returned from Cambridge to attend the wedding of his sister and to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. Mr. Swain will return to England about the first of January.

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The Covina Lumber Company

wishes its many friends and patrons

A Merry Christmas

Christmas Turkeys

will be just as good as were the ones at Thanksgiving. Just keep this in mind.

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BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS—Decorated gift books and books for Children, the kind that please and instruct.

STATIONERY—High grade, plain and fancy boxes paper and cards, white and tints, plain and gold edges.

CALENDARS—Photo views, water colors, etc., ready for mailing.

ORANGE WOOD Abalone shell, and other California souvenirs.

TENNIS RACKETS—Ball gloves, footballs, roller skates, etc.

ART LEATHER GOODS Pillow covers, dollies, hand bags, etc.

FRAMED PICTURES AND MOTTOES Something to be enjoyed by all, and at popular prices.

FOUNTAIN PENS—Ingersoll watches, 1915 diaries, loose leaf memorandum books, hand mirrors, dollar safty razor outfits, Scout cameras, $2 and $3; felt pennants, tourist tablets, fancy pencil boxes, water color and oil outfits.

POST CARDS! POST CARDS!—Clean, neat and the kind that are up-to-date, one cent and up.

TOYS, DOLLS AND GAMES The little folks enjoy new things just as grown-ups do. That's why we take pains to get the good new things in dolls, games, and toys. Kewpie dolls, 15c up; Chubby-Kid "cute doll," 25c. Dressed character dolls that close their eyes, $1. Trunks, doll carriages, tricycles, mechanical toys, work boxes, dishes, furniture sets, carrom boards, American Model Builders, drums, violins (25c up), black board, and little things and big things, 5c and up, and plenty of them. You'll not be disappointed at the Covina Book Store.

Covina Book Store

H. M. Roberts, Prop.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

Puritan Bread, to go with Puritan Butter—why not? Warner, Whitsel & Co.

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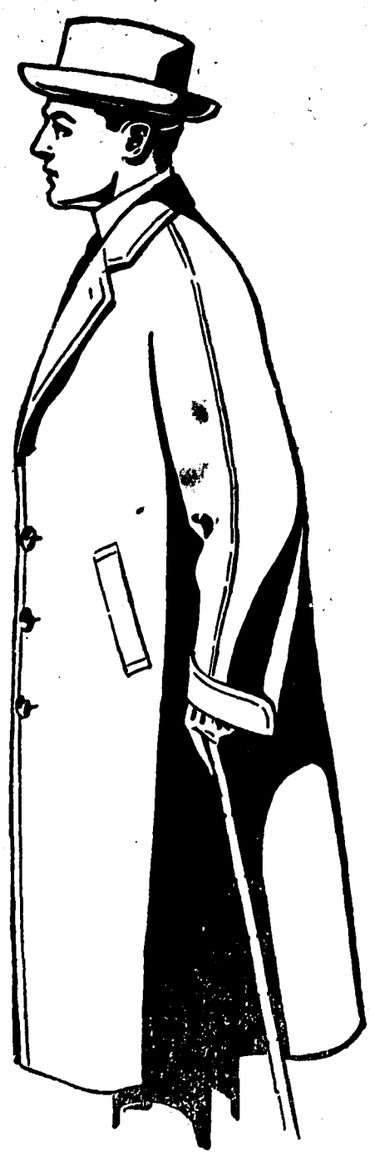
Men's ties, bath robes, slippers, hats, hosiery. Broadwell's.

Ostrich plumes and auto veils make nice Christmas presents. To be found at Miss Reckard's. 1t

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

The marriage of Miss Inez Freeman to Mr. Charles Jette of Baldwin Park comes as a complete surprise to many people known to both young people in the valley. Miss Freeman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freeman of College street, who have lived in Covina a little over a year. Mr. Jette is a resident of Baldwin Park, where he will take his bride to reside.

A Safe and Sane Christmas



This is not a time to buy expensive and ornamental things for Christmas. We all know this to be true. Our line of well-made rain coats, oil skin storm coats, slickers and teamsters' sou'westers are serviceable and sensible.

Of course we have thousands of articles of the generally approved kind for Christmas.

But buy substantial things—that's our advice—and we've got them.

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News of the Valley

BALDWIN PARK.

Bungalow Church Fittingly Dedicated

Many Prominent Methodists From Over Southern California Assist In Beginning History of Baldwin Park Congregation.

Dr. Matt S. Hughes of Pasadena, one of the most prominent Methodist ministers on the Pacific Coast, was the speaker at the dedicatory service of the Baldwin Park Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday, and during the day well-known and well-loved divines from many communities in Southern California, together with well-wishing visitors, gathered at the little edifice to give it Godspeed in the truest sense of the word.

This is a building which has cost $3500 to erect, and which is practically all paid for at the time of dedication. Knowing the struggling efforts of small communities, it is a good deal to say in praise of the Baldwin Park people that they have made such an auspicious beginning. The building fronts on the boulevard, and has a roomy auditorium, with a basement fitted for Sunday-school work and for the giving of suppers. In every way it is thoroughly adequate to the needs of this growing congregation. It is often said that over the United States, wherever there is a postoffice and a general store, there will also be a Methodist church, and while this community has waited until the town was in a fair way to become an important business center, it still holds true that the Methodists of Baldwin Park have been aggressive for progress, and have placed themselves at the very outset on a firm foundation. It is true also that the congregation is made up of people who, in other parts of the world, have belonged to many different church organizations. There are people from every evangelical faith in this Baldwin Park church, and although it bears the name of the Methodists, it is in reality a community church. This speaks well for the future unity and progress.

The lot on which the church is built was donated by Milton Kauffman, a real estate man who has much to do with the growth of the place. A good deal of building material was donated by the Baldwin Park Lumber Company, and much of the labor was given freely by citizens. The subscriptions were made up in small lots from practically all the people.

Dedicatory Services

Rev. F. D. Mather, district superintendent, preached a sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. The musical service consisted of a prelude, Handel's Largo, played by Miss Scott; anthem, "All Hail the Power," sung by the choir; soprano solo, Miss Nold, and the hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." Rev. William Stevenson offered prayer.

At 2 o'clock the church was again filled to capacity. The services began with the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King." An anthem was sung by a choir from the Covina Methodist church, after which the call to dedication was given by Dr. Mather, which proved to be a most impressive service. Rev. Frank Otto offered prayer. The pastor then led in responsive reading.

A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. B. F. Pierce, Miss Mattie Breakey, William Lee and S. J. Walton, all of Covina, sang an appropriate number with very good effect.

Dr. Hughes preached an essentially practical sermon, in which he brought out emphatically the thought that well-doing among Christians is an evidence of the true Christianity. He dwelt upon the necessity for high character and moral courage among church members, that it might be an example to everyone.

At this service a financial statement was rendered by C. L. Hollingsworth, treasurer of the church. After the impressive dedication service the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung by full congregation.

The Evening Service

Beginning with a song service at 7:30 o'clock, the church was again filled. An anthem, "Immanual," was sung by the choir. The sermon was preached by Rev. S. J. McConnell of the Covina Methodist church. His thought was that the consecration of the people should be as complete as the consecration of a church building, and that the ministry, the laity, and the church structure should all be unqualifiedly laid at the feet of Christ. A very acceptable soprano solo was rendered by Mrs. J. L. Matthews of Covina, "Thy Will Be Done," by Francis Bohr. The hymn, "Love Divine," was sung by the congregation and choir. One of the acceptable features of the services was the playing of the orchestra from Azusa, led by Miss Ollie Jones of Glendora.

The pastor of this church is Rev. W. E. Malan, and the trustees and building committee are as follows:

P. G. Lenhart, president; C. E. Tredway, secretary; E. J. Cleugh, C. L. Hollingsworth; treasurer; Rev. Wm. Stevenson, Rev. Frank W. Otto, C. P. Speer.

The new office of the Baldwin Park Bulletin, a small bungalow building, is one of the latest additions to the enterprise of the community. H. G. Comfort, the editor and owner, is fast building up a good country weekly newspaper.

The new building to be occupied by the Baldwin Park bank is practically ready for occupancy. It is a structure that any modern community can be proud of. A detailed description of it will be given in a coming issue of this paper.

The people of the community feel reasonably safe from a repetition of the floods of last year. The break in the levee of the San Gabriel river at Azusa has been successfully repaired. It is thought that the unusual occurrence of last year will never be repeated.

The fair and bazar given by the ladies of the Woman's Club last Saturday evening was well attended.

L. W. Wilkinson was seriously hurt Tuesday by a heavy rock falling on his foot and crushing it.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gilson entertained the following at dinner Sunday: The Rev. F. B. Mather of Pasadena, Rev. W. E. Malan, pastor of the Baldwin Park Methodist church; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lent and daughter, Miss Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and family, all of Monrovia.

WEST COVINA.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT CLUB HOUSE

The school term at the Irwindale school house closed last evening with appropriate Christmas exercises given by the school children in the Irwindale Club House. The program was rather a long one and well carried out, with special notice given the seventh and eighth grade boys and girls in their Christmas play, "Eager Heart." The hall was artistically decorated in the Christmas colors, holly and other red and green flowers being used in profusion. The program was as follows: orchestra selection, dialogue by the first and second grades, recitation by Mary Acres, "Christmas Crazy Class," third and fourth grades; recitation by Lucille Newton, song by six boys, recitation by Arline Hotchkiss, orchestra selection, Christmas play, "Eager Heart," by seventh and eighth grades; orchestra selection.

IRWINDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vreeland of Los Angeles were guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller.

J. A. Taschner has been on the sick list for the past week.

Miss Jessie Paramore has been spending the past week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCadden.

Miss Ramona Washburn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Washburn, in Tropico Wednesday.

Mrs. E. R. Coffman spent several days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Costenbader, in Los Angeles.

Miss Edith Sanborn will return from Alpaugh, where she is teaching school, for the Christmas vacation.

Cigars by the box at Clapp's. 12 19

Puritan Bread on sale beginning next Monday. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

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CHARTER OAK.

CHARTER OAK SCHOOL HOLDS CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Mrs. Harwood entertained the primary grades of the Charter Oak school yesterday afternoon with a Christmas party from 2 until 4. The forty little people were entertained with games, stories and songs and were served dainty refreshments. The seventh and eights grades gave a dinner at the school house, after which a short program of readings, songs and stories were enjoyed, followed by games and the Christmas stocking, which everyone was given.

Mrs. Walter M. Boston has been spending the past week with friends in Santa Ana.

Mrs. J. A. Dolcater has been on the sick list this week.

Little Roy Dotts, who was severely injured about three weeks ago while riding on a farm wagon, is improving at the Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Mace spent from Friday until Tuesday in Redondo.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stowell visited their daughter, Mrs. L. J. Dimmel, at San Bernardino, Sunday, and found her improved in health.

Mrs. A. R. McNeil, who has been spending the past week or ten days with Mrs. H. E. Jenner, returned on Tuesday at Venice.

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•• Social Events ••

MONTHLY MEETING OF D. A. R.

The Covina chapter of the D. A.R. held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. William Crook on Double Avenue last Tuesday afternoon. The meeting opened in usual manner by singing "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by a paper on "The Early History of Covina," read by Mrs. James Elliott, and another, "The Massacre at Fort Griswold," read by Mrs. C. Gray Curtis, followed by singing "America." which closed the meeting. A social hour followed.

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DOUBLE BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Harris entertained Thursday evening with a surprise party in honor of the thirteenth birthday of their daughter, Ada, and the nineteenth birthday of Ray Cross. The young people played games and enjoyed musical numbers and were served to dainty refreshments at a table artistically decorated in roses and holly. The guests of honor each received a number of useful gifts, and were each presented with a huge birthday cake, which was a feature of the table decoration. The guests were: Misses Ada Harris, Mabel Hickox, Helen Jackley, Nellie Powell, Viola Snodgrass and Retta Snodgrass; Messrs. Chas. Hickox, Ed Jackley, Tom Yoder, Ray Cross, Gale Clague and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cook.

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AMPHION MEETS

The Amphion Club met last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Douglass, with Mrs. R. W. Groom and Mrs. F. C. Devendorf assisting as hostesses. Mrs. William Crook was in charge of the program, which was headed by Mrs. George McKinnie of Los Angeles as vocalist, assisted by violinist and pianist. The decorations in the room were characteristic of Christmas, holly and red flowers being used.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

PARCEL POST SALE

The Parcel Post Sale given by the young men of the Baraca class of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening was unique and successful in every particular. The sale and auction was held in the vacant room in the Finch building, which was artistically decorated in the Christmas colors of red and green, holly being used in profusion. The auction was ably carried on by Postmaster J. L. Matthews, the packages sold being sent from friends of the members of the class from all parts of the continent upon invitation of the members. Each package was sold as it came through the mail and contained some article worth ten cents. After the sale, at which about $26 was cleared, a social hour was enjoyed and wienies, buns and hot coffee served.

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CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

At the Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening at 7:45, one of the best Sunday-school entertainments will be given. The special feature of the program is to be a complete surprise to all save the committee in charge. There will also be musical numbers and recitations.

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B. Y. P. U. NOTES

The meeting last Sunday eve was a success; next Sunday evening Baracas will lead.

The service of the B. Y. P. U. last Sunday evening was conducted by the Climbers' class of the Sunday-school, under the capable leadership of their teacher, Mrs. Frank Nicol, assisted by Miss Annie Gorham. The subject was, "Gems From My Readings." It was amply discussed by various members of the large number in attendance.

Next Sunday evening the Baraca class will have charge of the meeting. The subject will be, committee arranged to have several musical selections rendered "An Unselfish Life." The music during the evening. This is a good place for everyone to spend a quiet social hour.

Opening Game Won by Covina High

Basketball Season Starts off With a Rush—Other Sports Scheduled — School Will Put on Play in February

Last Saturday we won our first league basketball game from Compton by a score of 47 to 13. While the game was not very interesting, the Covina boys put up a fine exhibition of team work. During the second half our entire second team was put in the game, and from then on the game was fairly interesting.

South Pasadena Today

This afternoon we play South Pasadena on our grounds. South Pasadena has the reputation of having a very strong team, so the game should be worth seeing.

Relay Team Work

Thursday afternoon a tryout was held to select the relay team to represent Covina at Pasadena on New Year's day. The members of the team will be: Warren, King, Burpee, Morris, Kendall, Wiley, Scofield and Clarke.

Freshmen Beaten

Wednesday afternoon the Lordsburg freshmen-sophomores, defeated the Covina freshie-soph. basketball sharks by a score of 21 to 11.

Junior-Senior Play

Friday morning the Junior-Senior Play was selected. It is a modern comedy of four acts, entitled, "The Daughter of Lord Rutland." Mrs. Stockbridge, who was formerly connected with the Burbank theater and who has been lately engaged in coaching plays, has been secured to direct the play. The parts will be assigned during the holidays, so that all the memorizing may be finished when school opens in January. The play is to be put on the first week in February.

JACK CLARKE, '15.

It is never too late to buy at the Covina Book Store, where there are holiday gifts in abundance.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Did you ever try Nash's Gas and Dyspepsia Tablets? If not, why not?

Merwin Is Manager Of Peycke House

American Fruit Distributors Will Pack 100 Cars From Covina—Fruit Will Not be Ready for Packing Until After Holidays.

Wells C. Merwin of Covina has been secured by the firm known as the American Fruit Distributors to take charge of the packing house in Covina. This is the firm known more familiarly as the Edmund Peycke Company, and the house is situated opposite the Southern Pacific depot.

The district manager who has charge of this fruit district is J. Minter Stanton, now of Pomona, but formerly a Covina real estate man. He is the outside field man, and covers the Pomona, Covina, Azusa, Glendora and neighboring fruit territory.

Mr. Merwin said this week that Chase Fairly will be foreman of the house, and that the company had already signed up enough fruit to make 100 carloads of navels. Mr. Merwin says that no packing will be done until after the holidays. The house will exercise extreme care in placing a ripe fruit on the market.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

Date	Max.	Min.	Hum. %	Rainfall
Dec. 12	54	33	---	.55
Dec. 13	62	33	---	.00
Dec. 14	58	27	48	.00
Dec. 15	61	33	25.5	.00
Dec. 16	61	38	100	.00
Dec. 17	52	41	94	1.15
Dec. 18	54	43	81	.00

Total rainfall for season, 4.37 inches.
Observations taken at 8 a.m. for preceding 24 hours.

R. P. STEBBINS, Observer.

B. Y. P. U. HOLDS MEETING—COMMITTEES ELECTED

The quarterly meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held last Friday evening at the home of Miss Lois Benton, on Bonita avenue. After the committees for the coming year had been elected, the meeting was adjourned for a convivial hour, after which refreshments of wafers and chocolate were served. About thirty were present and a good time was spent by all.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING AND WIDENING OF THIRD STREET

NOTICE OF RECORDING OF ASSESSMENT

Assessments are Now Due and Payable

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the assessment, upon all the lots, pieces or parcels of land included within the district hereinafter described, for the widening of that portion of Third Street lying between Cottage Street and Orange Street, in the City of Covina, as described in Ordinances No. 110 and 113 of said City, was recorded by, and in the office of, the undersigned, on the 17th day of December, 1914, and

That all sums assessed therein are due and payable immediately, and

That the payment of said sums is to be made to the undersigned within thirty days after the date of the first publication of this notice, which date of the first said publication is December 19th, 1914, and

That all assessments not paid before the expiration of said thirty days will become delinquent, and that thereupon five per cent upon the amount of each such assessment will be added thereto.

Said assessment district is described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of Puente Avenue, three hundred (300) feet east of Third Street; thence north and parallel with the west line of Citrus Avenue to the prolongation of the south line of Front Street extended west; thence west on a continuation of said prolongation of said south line of Front Street-six hundred and fifty (650) feet; thence south and parallel with said west line of Citrus Avenue, to Puente Avenue; thence east along the north line of Puente Avenue to the place of beginning.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Covina will be held at its office, in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the twelfth day of January, 1915, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the election of eleven directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the fourth day of November, 1914, an assessment (No. 64) of 100 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock (as increased October 22nd, 1886) of the above named corporation, payable immediately to the secretary at the office of the company at Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 16th day of December, 1914, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 6th day of January, 1915, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

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Church Notes

Church of the Sacred Heart, Catholic—Mass at 8:00 a.m. in new edifice at Fifth and Center strets. Rev. M. H. Geary, pastor.

Evangelical Lutheran, St. John's church. Corner Third and Dexter streets; Rev. Paul Scherf, pastor. Divine service: Sunday at 1 0a.m.; scripture lesson, Zach. 8: 20-23; theme, "The Lord Zebaoth Promises a Beautiful Growth of the Messiah's Kingdom." Sunday-school at 9:30; Friday, Dec. 25, The Holy Christmas. Confessional service, 9:30 a.m.; scripture text, Psalms, 40: 11-13; theme, "Christ the Bearer of Love." Festival service at 10 a.m.; scripture lesson, Luke 21-14; theme, "The Child in the Manger—Jesus Christ the Savior of the World." Holy communion. Announcement for Communion Sunday after the service.

First Methodist church; S. J. McConnell, pastor. Sunday-school at 9:45; R. T. Chew, Jr., superintendent. Public worship at 11 a.m. The morning hour of worship will be devoted to the administration of the Lord's Supper. There will be no sermon. Epworth League at 6:30. Public worship at 7:30; subject of address by the pastor, "The Sacraments of Our Church." The sacrament will also be administered at the evening services. Prayer meeting and quarterly conference on Wednesday night, led by Dr. Mather. Everybody welcome to these meetings.

First Presbyterian church; Sunday, Dec. 30, 1914: Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.; Junior C. E. meeting 3 p. m.; C. E. prayer meeting 6.30 p. m.; preaching 7.30 p. m. "The universal peace of the future" will be the subject at the morning service. At 7.30 p. m. the pastor will deliver his lecture sermon entitled, "That baby of yours." This is a sermon suited to the whole family. Mothers are requested to bring their babies with them.

Services in the church of the Holy Trinity: Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion, 7.30 a. m.; Sunday-School, 9.45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Evensong, 7.30 p. m.

Christmas Day services: Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; High Celebration, with festival, music and sermon, 10 a.m.

Christian Science Society of Covina holds service Sunday at 11 a.m. in Woman's Club House, Citrus avenue and Center street; subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday-school at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 p.m.

Christian church. Sunday-school at 9:45; Miss Charlotte Temple will play for us; be on time. The morning sermon will be preceded by the Communion at 11 a.m. Th Y.P.S.C.E. at 6:30 has for its subject, "An Unselfish Life." Miss Addie Kellar is the leader. A men's large chorus leads live singing at the "Warm-up-the-Heart Service" at 7:30. Stereopticon pictures of the life of Christ will precede the sermon. The mid-week service—can you afford to cut it out? The subject for next Wednesday night is "Our Mission in This City." G. W. Thompson, minister.

Church of the Brethren; G. F. Chemberlen, pastor. Regular Sunday-school lesson at 10 a.m.; F. L. Hepner, superintendent. Sermon at 11, subject, "The Dew and the Cataract," I Cor. 13. Evening: Christian Worker's meeting at 6:45; Frand Heistand, president; subject, "Looking for the Coming"; Walter Kennedy, leader. Sermon at 7:30; subject, "Christmas Glory." Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30; subject, "Divine Call to Action," Isa. 52: 1-2.

First Baptist church; William Wilson Catherwood, minister. Church, Second street, near College. Lord's Day services as follows: Bible-school at 9:45; Mrs. Viola Crozier, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m.; subject, "His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful," sixth in the series on the Tabernacle. Two special Christmas numbers by the mixed quartet and a tenor solo by A. R. Taylor. Young People's meeting at 6:30, led by the Baraca class of the Sunday-school. The people's service at 7:30; subject, "What I Saw and Heard in a Day Spent in the Divorce Courts of Los Angeles." Special Christmas numbers by the mixed male quartet. Big chorus choir sings, "The Prince of Peace." Violin and flute duet by Paul and Mark Custer. Orchestra. Wednesday evening prayer and praise service at 7:30; all welcome.

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Notice of Hearing of Petition for Probate of Will

In the Matter of the Estate of Josephine T. Garey, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the petition of Mary A. Haime for the Probate of Will of Josephine T. Garey, Deceased, and for the issuance of Letters of Administration, with will annexed thereon to Mary A Haime, will be heard at 2 o'clock p.m., on the 12th day of January, 1915, at the Court Room of Department 2 of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California.

Dated December 18th, 1914.

H. J. LELANDE, Clerk.
By H. H. Doyle, Deputy Clerk.
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